

Agenda item number	4.1	
Title of paper	Chairman's Report	
Confidential		NO
Suitable for public access		YES
Papers which this particular paper relates to?		
<u>Strategic objective(s):</u>		
Best outcomes	X	Recognising performance of Trust
Excellent experience	X	
Skilled and motivated teams	X	
Top productivity	X	
<u>ASPH value(s):</u>		
Patients first	X	Congratulations to Dr Chris Marsh who won a national award for his 'Adopt a Grandparent' scheme. Chris is continuing his doctor training at another trust and it is hoped that he is able to take this idea and launch it at the other hospitals where he is working.
Personal responsibility	X	
Passion for excellence	X	Recognising performance of Trust
Pride in our team	X	Congratulations to volunteers at Ashford Hospital who won prizes in this year's Spelthorne in bloom awards; first prize for the Chaucer Ward garden and third prize for the Chapel/Multi faith Centre garden. Well done in particular to Patricia Sanderson and Susan Reid who are the driving force behind these gardens.
Executive summary	Highlights of the last month from the Chairman's perspective	
Recommendation:	For noting	
<u>Specific issues checklist:</u>		
Quality and safety issues	X	
Patient impact issues?	X	See above
Employee issues?	X	

Other stakeholder issues?	X	
Equality & diversity issues?		
Finance issues?	X	
Legal issues?		
Risk issues? Link to relevant BAF item number if so		
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Date	18 November 2016	
Board action	Receive	

Merger with Royal Surrey County Hospital

Earlier this month Royal Surrey's Board met and decided not to proceed with the merger which had been planned over the last two years. Our own board will be reflecting on this at their November meeting and the opportunities for collaboration within the Sustainability and Transformation Plan. The reality is that Royal Surrey is currently in breach of its license and until both its performance and financial position improve, a merger cannot be envisaged.

Current performance and strategic options for Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals

CEO Suzanne Rankin and I attended a meeting held by NHS Improvement for NHS providers in the south of England. Listening to the presentations and the subsequent discussions, it is clear that given ASPH's current financial and operational performance we are well placed compared with the majority of other providers. This is being delivered by a huge concerted effort across the organisation and by working closely with our commissioners and other local partners. We all recognise there is fragility in our performance and operational and strategic pressures remain. We are being urged to improve our financial performance further in the next two years as well as deliver the turnaround in A&E performance while continuing to meet other targets. The Board will be considering how best we can achieve this through playing an active role in delivering the Strategic Transformation Plan while working closely with local partners in NW Surrey to ensure we optimise care in N-W Surrey.

Council of Governors

The results of our recent election for the Council have been finalised and I can confirm that public governors Roderick Archer and David Frank and staff governors Paul Darling-Wills and Samantha Lamb are all stepping down at the end of this month. In their place, we are welcoming new public Governors Bertie Swann representing Elmbridge and John Collins representing Surrey Heath plus new staff Governors John Sermon and Matt Stevenson. Thank you to Rod, David, Paul and Sam for their contributions. A training session is being organised for our new Governors to get them up to speed as soon as possible, with longer serving governors being invited to refresh their knowledge of the Trust and the NHS. We will also shortly be asking Governors to appoint a new Lead Governor once David steps down at the end of this month.

Danny Spark has taken over from Maurice Cohen as Chairman of the Patients' Panel. Thank you to Maurice who has chaired this group for many years. I am delighted that Danny has taken over given her long association with the Trust first as a member of staff, and following retirement, her involvement with a number of patient groups and finally more recently as a Governor.

Earlier this month we held the first business planning session of next year's planning round with Governors. This was a useful session bringing governors up to date with the current pressures in the NHS (see above) and getting their views on our future strategy.

Staff and Volunteers

The move of the St Peter's hospital Multi-faith centre was completed this month. The ambiance of the new facility strongly reflects that of the former centre and will provide staff, patients and other visitors a place for spiritual wellbeing.

We held the first of our leadership lectures this month. There was a fantastic turnout from across the Trust to hear Jocelyn Cornwall Director of The Point of Care Foundation. The lecture was organised by our head of Libraries Laura Strafford who has set a high standard for what we hope will be a regular event in future.

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Other

Thank you to pharmaceutical company Mallinckrodt plc who marked their move to a new European headquarters in Staines upon Thames with a £100,000 donation to the St Peter's hospital Neo natal unit. We hope this marks the start of a mutually supportive local relationship.

Thank you also to the family of Pramilaben Patel for a generous donation to our AMU ward. Mrs Patel passed away on the ward and her family wanted to recognise the high quality care given their mother through a collection at the funeral topped up by donations from all her children.

Work is now underway to expand our Endoscopy Suite. This will give us important extra capacity for a service which has seen significant growth in recent years. Work is also underway to expand our A&E department improving the space for patients and staff.

During the month I attended a meeting of the Joint Programme Delivery Board which oversees projects shared between ourselves and our main commissioners North-West Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group. I also had a meeting with Trevor Jones, Chairman of South Central Ambulance Foundation Trust.